

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto
FEMA-1661-DR-VA
STATE SITUATION REPORT # 29
1500 Hours 10 October 2006**

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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations: Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings will be Tu & Th of each week at 0830 hours in the JFO Conference Room. JFO Situation Reports will be issued on Tu and Th of each week.

State of Emergency and Executive Order: By Executive Order, Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 August 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 September 2006. On 8 September, Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 September 2006 President George W. Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 August, designating twenty-one (21) jurisdictions eligible for the Public Assistance Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction (City of Newport News) was approved by FEMA on 6 October as also eligible for the Public Assistance Program. Current eligible 22 jurisdictions (19 counties and 3 cities):

Accomack	James City	Richmond
Caroline	King William	Surry
Charles City	Lancaster	Sussex
Dinwiddie	Mathews	Westmoreland
Essex	Middlesex	York
Gloucester	Northampton	Poquoson (City of)
Isle of Wight	Northumberland	Richmond (City of)
		Newport News (City of)

On 10 October 2006 FEMA denied the following requested three jurisdictions for PA:
New Kent Southampton Hampton (City of)

On 28 September 2006 the Commonwealth received the non-approval of its requested IA declaration. On 29 September, Governor Kaine formally appealed the denial of IA for the following nine jurisdictions (6 counties and 3 cities):

Accomack	Mathews	Hampton (City of)
Gloucester	Middlesex	Newport News (City of)
Lancaster	Northumberland	Richmond (City of)

At the time of release of this report, the Commonwealth has not been informed of the status of the IA appeal.

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declarations on 1 Sep 2006:

Accomack County

Middlesex County

York County

Gloucester County

Northampton County

Newport News (City of)

Mathews County

Northumberland County

Poquoson (City of)

Lancaster County

Richmond County

Richmond (City of)

Local Emergency Declarations on 7 Sep 2006:

James City County

WEATHER

Three-day forecast (Tu-W-Th): 10-12 Oct 2006: Today and tonight will be mostly sunny and clear, light E-SE winds, with a daily high of 80 and a nightly low of 56. Wednesday will be partly cloudy, 20-30% chance of rain, light and variable winds, with a high of 75 and nightly low of 58. Thursday will be cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening, with a daily high of 75 and a nightly low of 47.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison:

On 25 September 2006, Michael Cline, State Coordinating Officer, briefed the Virginia Congressional Delegation in Washington DC on FEMA Disaster Recovery Programs. VDEM continues to keep the Virginia Congressional Delegation members aware of developments in the disaster process. The 22 affected jurisdictions are represented by 34 legislators. JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A.Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

Public Information Office (PIO)

VDEM PIO continues to respond to media, legislative and public inquiries. **PIO has drafted a news release pending a decision on the Commonwealths IA appeal. PIO is also responding to issues arising from the weekends October flooding.**

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering:

Water Pumps, City of Richmond, has been extended to 15 Oct 2006 by the Governor. All pumps (18"- 2 each and 12"- 3 each) have been elevated on mobile platforms above flood stage and are fully operational. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

Jurisdictions (65 each)	Private (30 each)	Public (62each)
Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$51,412,415.98*/***

*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.

**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.

***Includes Public Service Authorities

State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)

Subtotal \$1,861,019.55

GRAND TOTAL \$68,088,094 \$53,273,435.53

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

Applicants' Briefings Conducted (Total Applicants Attended– 6 each):

1. When: Thu, 5 Oct 2006
Where: Richmond Ambulance Authority, Richmond VA
Attendees: Total: 45 (FEMA-8, VDEM-6, + City of Richmond Reps-31)

2. When: Fri, 6 Oct 2006
Where: 4201 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA
Attendees: Total: 22 (FEMA-4, VDEM-5, + Five Electric Coop Reps-13)

Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:

1. When: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Henrico County Training Center, Parham Rd, Richmond, VA
Attendees: Eighteen Affected Jurisdictions

2. When: Wed, 18 Oct 2006
Where: Accomack Northampton Elect Coop Bldg, Tasley, VA
Attendees: All Eastern Shore Applicants

Kick-off Meetings Conducted:

1. When: Wed, 10 Oct 2006
Where: Richmond Ambulance Authority, Richmond, VA
Attendees: Total: 39 (FEMA-5, VDEM-6, + City of Richmond-28)

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program.

The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR is COB of the following dates:

Declared 21 jurisdictions: Fri, 20 Oct 2006
Amended one jurisdiction: Mon, 6 Nov 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO, ATTN (Ms. Mona Ellington) at:

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RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations (27 total):

Lancaster County	A & N Electrical Cooperative
Mathews County	Rappahannock Electrical Cooperative
James City County	James City Service Authority
Middlesex County	Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Northumberland County	Chincoteague (Town of)
Richmond County	Onancock (Town of)
Westmoreland County	Wachapreague (Town of)
York County	Smithfield (Town of)
Poquoson (City of)	Tappahannock (Town of)
Northampton County	Newport News (City of)
Melfa (Town of)	Northern Neck Electric Cooperative
Richmond (City of)	Virginia Dept of Conservation and Recreation
Virginia Dept of State Police	Virginia Dept of Corrections
	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management

Mitigation:

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Administration Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by Michael Cline today and have been submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Noah Thacker.

Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved)

1. Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)
Where: TBD
Attendees: TBD

2. Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)
Where: TBD
Attendees: TBD
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HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:

1. When: Mon, 30 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: VDEM Trade Court Office, Richmond, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
2. When: Tue, 31 Oct 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Poquoson City Hall, Poquoson, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
3. When: Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Northern Neck Plan Dist Commission Office, Warsaw, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
4. When: Tue, 7 Nov 2006 (1500 hours)
Where: Accomack Northampton PDC Office, Accomack, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource

VDEM JFO/Field Planning Section became operational on 5 October 2006.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit: Current VDEM JFO / field staffing is 18 (including 5 contractor personnel).

Administration Unit: Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) will be on Tu (10 Oct) and Th (12 Oct) next week.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS

FEMA-1655-DR-VA: RPAs were received/accepted from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations (19 total):

Alexandria, (City of)	Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.
Arlington County	Clifton (Town of)
Alleghany County	Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority
Clifton Forge (Town of)	Fairfax County Public Schools
Fairfax County	Virginia Dept of Transportation
Dickenson County	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management
King George County	Virginia State Police
Vienna (Town of)	Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District
Herndon (Town of)	Bath County Public Service Authority
Galax (City of)	

As of COB, 4 October 2006, a total of 172 (current estimated projection is 246) PA project worksheets (PWs) has been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. Current total amount obligated is \$1,960,602.

October (6-9) Flooding: On 9 October (1540 hrs) Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. The VDEM EOC is overseeing /coordinating Commonwealth response activities with affected localities.

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